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SUBJ: SECOND ROUND ELECTION POSSIBILITIES

1. I HAD OCCASION DISCUSS ELECTIONS WITH WALTER SPURRIER THIS MORNING AND OBTAINED SOME INTERESTING COMMENTS.
2. WALTER BELIEVES SECOND ROUND VERY MUCH IN DOUBT AND THAT RESIGNATION OF SET PRESIDENT BAQUERO ANNOUNCED IN MORNING PAPERS PRESAGES CANCELLATION OF ELECTIONS. HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, FEEL THERE WILL BE VIOLENCE OR GREAT PUBLIC OUTCRY. BUCARAM AND HIS BULLY BOYS MAY TRY TO MOUNT A PROTEST BUT IT WILL BE DEALT WITH BY POLICE VERY FIRMLY.
3. ROLDOS AND HURTADO MAY MAKE VERY STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITH A VIEW TO BEING FORCED INTO EXILE, E.G. PANAMA, A LA VELASQUES IBARRA. ROLDOS KNOWS HOW POINTLESS IT WOULD BE TO TRY TO AROUSE GREAT PUBLIC INDIGNATION AT DEBASEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.
4. SPURRIER FEELS THAT POVEDA WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO RESIGN IN PROTEST TO DURAN ARCENTALES AND JARRIN'S MOVES TO SUBVERT ELECTORAL PROCESS, LEAVING CLEAR PATH FOR ONE OR THE

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- OTHER TO TAKE OVER AS DICTATOR PENDING EITHER CALL FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OR NOMINATION OF PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT, GALO PLAZA SUGGESTED AS ONLY PROBABLE CHOICE.
5. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH GUIDO CHIRIBOGA PRETTY MUCH CONFIRMS ABOVE SCENARIO BUT STATED IN MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS TONES. ROLDOS VERY WORRIED AND AWARE OF MANEUVERS TO FORCE

HIM OUT BY HOOK OR BY CROOK, INCLUDING PLOY OF CALLING FOR NEW
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO CHANGE AGE REQUIREMENT
FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

6. CHIRIBOGA STATES THAT GUAYAS COUNTING FOR MAYOR AND PREFECT
UNDER DALMAU GOING WELL AND MUCH MORE RAPIDLY. HE SATISFIED
DALMAU IS HONEST AND NOT DISQUALIFYING VOTING RETURNS ARBITRARILY
OR UNLAWFULLY. DISQUALIFYING, YES BUT ACCORDING TO CHIRIBOGA,
CORRECTLY. CHIRIBOGA NOW SEEMS MORE RELAXED AND NOT SO
WORRIED ABOUT LOSING LEADING POSITION IN PREFECT RACE THROUGH
UNLAWFUL MANIPULATIONS BY GUAYAS ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL. IT
OBVIOUS HE HAS SPENT MANY SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.
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